

River Valley Notes

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Part #1: God In Our Neighborhood

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The Big Idea: In the coming of Jesus we learn something very important about God... and something equally important about what it means to follow Him: He is a _____ and restorer of the _____.

*John 1:1-14 NIV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.***

Surprising Signs of God Who Lived Among Us:

1. He Turned Water Into Wine At a Wedding Party

John 2:11 NIV This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

The Word became flesh and amped up a wedding party. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who loves a good _____.

2. He Healed an Official's Son

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John 4:49-50, 54 NIV The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." ...This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

The Word became flesh and healed the sick. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who _____ the broken.

3. He Healed a Man at the Pool of Bethesda On the Sabbath Day (John 5:2-9)

The Word became flesh and healed on the Sabbath. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who puts _____ over religion.

4. He Fed 5000-Plus (John 6:8-11)

The Word became flesh and fed 5000-plus with 5 loaves and 2 fish. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who is concerned about even our most _____.

5. He Healed a Man Born Blind (John 9:1-7)

The Word became flesh and healed a man born blind. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who confronts religious _____.

6. He Raised Lazarus From the Dead (John 11:38-44)

The Word became flesh and raised a dead man to life. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who _____ even death itself.

7. He Died a Criminal's Death As An Innocent Man to Bring On the New Creation

John 12:23-33 NIV Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified... "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said,

“This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

The Word became flesh and died in our place. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who gave His life away to rescue, _____ and _____ us to Himself.